

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Hong Liu

Applicant(s)

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claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative
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☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of June 2, 2004.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-10,12-15,17-22,27-31,33 and 38-42.

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the
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☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF
INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of
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☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the
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Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest reference of record is Czollner et al. (WO 97/40049). The reference teaches diazabicyclo[3,3,1]nonane derivatives, their process and use. See formula I, Page 4. The instantly claimed compounds differ from the reference compounds in the substituents on one of the nitrogens of the diazabicyclo[3,3,1]nonane. It is hydrogen in the instant invention whereas it is substituted with a non-hydrogen substituent in the reference. The closest compound in the reference is the one with one of the nitrogens of the diazabicyclo[3,3,1]nonane substituted by methyl. Applicants compared their compound with the closest reference compound and found that their hydrogen substituted diazabicyclo[3,3,1]nonane compound is 40-fold more potent in inhibiting the nicotinic $\alpha 4\beta 2$ receptor than the methyl substituted compound from the reference (see page 5 of Dr. Craig Miller's Declaration). Since the side by side comparison of the instantly claimed compounds and the reference compounds showed unexpected result for the instant compounds, the instantly claimed compounds are deemed to be novel and patentably distinct.

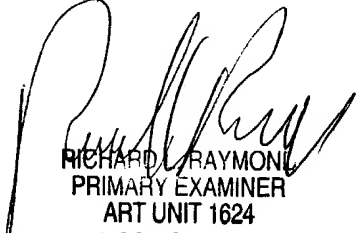
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner Hong Liu whose telephone number is (571) 272-0669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by the phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisors, Mukund Shah can be reached at (571) 272-0674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 358-1235.



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